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General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

15:00	77th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall (NLB)

[webcast]

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade[1] [item 120]

[1]The meeting will include a statement by Ms. Michaëlle Jean, in her capacity as UNESCO Special Envoy for Haiti and Member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project (2014-2015). There will be a cultural performance by renowned Haitian singer Emeline Michel.

Security Council

10:00	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

1701 report (S/2014/130)

Other matters

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General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00	32nd meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4 (NLB)
	Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]	
	Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/68/753 and A/68/805)	
	Introduction and general discussion	
	Revised estimates: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (A/68/748 and A/68/808)	
	Introduction and general discussion	
Morning[1] to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Revised estimates: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (A/68/748 and A/68/808))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015:	
	Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/68/753 and A/68/805); and	
	Strategic capital review (A/68/733 and A/68/796))	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)

Twenty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
	1. United Nations Mission in Liberia	
	2. Executive meeting	

International Civil Service Commission
Seventy-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)

1. Report on gender balance in the United Nations common system [item 6 (a)]
2. Other business [item 9]

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Sixteenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B (CB).

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D (CB)

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

10:00 to 11:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Asia-Pacific Group (briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts) (on the tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9 (CB)

Non-Aligned Movement (on the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 17:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2 (CB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 25 March 2014

Workshop on "Women negotiating peace: The role of women negotiating sustainable peace" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 25 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00 Press conference on the 2014 United Nations World Water Development report [*Speakers:* Mr. Richard Connor, Lead author of the report; and Ms. Vibeke Jensen, Director, UNESCO Office at the United Nations, New York] [co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guests:* Mr. John Ging, Director of the Coordination and Response Division, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); and Ms. Yasmin Haque, Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in South Sudan (on South Sudan)]

Security Council Stakeout [webcast]

13:00[1] Mr. Derek Plumbly, United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon

[1]Approximately.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

10:00 78th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall (NLB)

1. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/68/729) [item 30]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/68/778)[1] [item 115 (f)]
3. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 116]
   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/558/Add.1)
   (f) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/562/Add.2)

[1]To fill a vacancy of Eastern European and other States.

Thursday, 27 March 2014

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

10:00 79th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall (NLB)

Prevention of armed conflict: Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution: draft resolution (A/68/L.39)[1] [item 33 (b)]

[1]To be issued.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 33rd meeting on Wednesday, 26 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Tenth session

The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held from Monday, 31 March, to Friday, 4 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). For more information on the Open Working Group, please *click here.*

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Fifth meeting

The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work and the format of the meeting, as well as the information for participants, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 1 to Friday, 4 April 2014. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.11. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.12. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted by *clicking here.*

Disarmament Commission
2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible,* the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/71 of 9 December 2013, the tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Monday, 7, and Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the resolution, States, and entities that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will consider, inter alia, regional, subregional and global implementation of the Agreement and initial preparatory work for the resumption of the Review Conference.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division *by Friday, 4 April 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

The list of side events, as well as other relevant information on the Informal Consultations, is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs *(click here).*

Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013, the Preparatory Committee will hold its inter-sessional meeting from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 April 2014, in Conference Room 2 (CB), to discuss the thematic areas of the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

The Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Karen Tan (Singapore), and His Excellency Phillip Taula (New Zealand), have circulated in a letter dated 14 March 2014 to all members of the Preparatory Committee, the zero draft outcome document of the Conference, which will be the basis of discussions at the inter-sessional meeting. Member States are invited to send their written comments to the Secretariat *by Friday, 11 April 2014*, in order for the Secretariat to circulate by Thursday, 17 April 2014, a compilation document reflecting comments and revisions received in advance of the inter-sessional meeting. To view the letter, please *click here*. To download the zero draft outcome document, please *click here*.

The provisional list of participants of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee, held from 24-26 February 2014, is now available on the Conference website by *clicking here*. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)) any changes or corrections to the provisional list *no later than Monday, 31 March 2014*.

Additional information on the Preparatory Committee is available from the Conference website: www.sids2014.org.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Informal meeting

An informal meeting of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on the report of the Secretary-General on measures to further strengthen the United Nations Office for South-South cooperation will be held on Wednesday, 26 March 2014 from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The meeting is convened by Mr. Ba Trac Nguyen (Viet Nam), Vice-President of the High-level

Committee on South-South Cooperation. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an informal briefing on the preparations of the Secretary-General's report and obtain the views of Member States.

Participation in the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation is open to all Member States of the United Nations.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eighth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 26 March 2014, at 16:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

Special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 14 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, and on Tuesday, 15 April, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda".

On Monday, 14 April, in the morning, there will be a Ministerial segment, with Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs and Governors of Central Banks, on *theme 1* "World economic situation and prospects", to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders. In the afternoon, there will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2:* "Mobilization of financial resources and their effective use for sustainable development" (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3:* "Global partnership for sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda" (from 16:30 to 18:00).

On Tuesday, 15 April, the half-day session in the morning will focus on the way forward, in the form of a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the themes of the meeting, from 10:00 to 13:00.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon, e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso, e-mail alfonso@un.org; Room DC2-2162).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and will therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

For more information, please contact Mr. Gregory Dubois (e-mail duboisg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5435); or *click here*.

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to

papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the Chamber.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing,* with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least two hours in advance* of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Wednesday, 26 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB); and

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond" (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please *click here*.]

Global student videoconference: "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond"

Wednesday, 26 March 2014, from 9:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Briefing on "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond" (in cooperation with the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Panel discussion on "Global governance for sustainable development in the post-2015 era" (organized by the secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy)

Wednesday, 26 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please *click here*; or contact Mr. Namsuk Kim, DESA (e-mail kimnamsuk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4737).]

Informal interactive dialogue on "Overall policy matters pertaining to special political missions" (in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/85) (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), in collaboration with the Bureau of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))

Wednesday, 26 March 2014, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Renato Mariani, DPA (e-mail mariani@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0023).]

Briefing on "The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[The briefing is open to permanent missions of Small States. For further information, please contact Mr. Anthony Simpson, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail anthony.simpson@mfat.govt.nz, tel. 1 (917) 837-2814).]

Policy forum on "Drug policy and sustainable development: What can we learn from Narco-Deforestation?" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNU Office at the United Nations, New York (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Briefing on "The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects" (in advance of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 31 March 2014) (organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS/OLA))

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 13:30 to 14:30, in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC-2 Building, 4th Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Karen Yoo, DOALOS (e-mail yook@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0287).]

International conference entitled "Taras Shevchenko: Champion of Ukrainian Language, Self-Determination of Peoples, Human Rights and Social Justice" (in commemoration of the International Mother Language Day) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Alex Shapoval, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail shapovalalex85@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Panel discussion on "The right to the truth for memory, identity and justice: The Argentine experience – The grandchildren of Plaza de Mayo" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Rights to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail enaun@mrecic.gov.ar; tel. 1 (212) 688-6300).]

Seminar on "Harnessing innovation: Fostering national innovation for global development" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Monday, 31 March 2014, from 13:15 to 17:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNU Office at the United Nations, New York (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

High-level panel discussion on "Autism: Awareness to action" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Chile, India, Nigeria and Qatar, the Mission of the United States and Autism Speaks)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail aantoun@mofa.gov.qa).]

Panel discussion on "Towards a better understanding of the crime of aggression: The Charter of the United Nations, the treaty law and the formulation of international customary law" (co-organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Open Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Wednesday, 2 April 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Diloro Normatova, UNAOC (e-mail diloron@unops.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1083).]

Seminar on "International treaty law and practice" (with a focus on the Minamata Convention on Mercury) (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB); and

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014,* to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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Using United Nations Multimedia Resources

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 21 March 2014

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

[archived video]

17th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of a number of documents before the Commission.

Action on the draft agreed conclusions on "challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls"

The Commission adopted the draft agreed conclusions, as contained in an informal paper circulated in the conference room and decided to transmit them to the 2014 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/1 of 20 September 2013.

After the adoption of the draft agreed conclusions, statements were made by the representatives of Libya, El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Argentina, the United States, Liberia, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Pakistan, Brazil, China, Finland and Belarus, as well as by the observers for Djibouti (on behalf of the African Group), Mexico, Egypt, Qatar, Malta, Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Costa Rica (also on behalf of Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Peru), South Africa, Australia, Norway and Colombia.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The observer for the European Union made a statement.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2014/L.5

The Commission had before it a revised text of draft resolution E/CN.6/2014/L.5.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement, on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the European Union, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay, and proposed three amendments to the text.

Following the statements by the Chair (Philippines), the representative of Pakistan and by the observer for Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Commission adopted an amendment to operative paragraph 11 by a recorded vote of 18 to 15, with 3 abstentions.

Following the statements by the representative of the Netherlands and by the observer for Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Commission adopted an amendment to operative paragraph 20 by a recorded vote of 20 to 9, with 3 abstentions.

Following the statements by the representative of the Netherlands and by the observer for Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Commission adopted an amendment to operative paragraph 35 by a recorded vote of 20 to 13, with 3 abstentions.

Before the vote, the representatives of the Comoros, Burkina Faso, Uganda and China, as well as the observers for Malawi, Burundi, Gabon and Kenya, made statements and withdrew their sponsorship of revised draft resolution E/CN.6/2014/L.5, as amended.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Thailand.

The Secretary provided clarifications on procedural matters.

The Commission adopted revised draft resolution E/CN.6/2014/L.5, as amended, by a recorded vote of 22 to 0, with 16 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Brazil, the Sudan and Zimbabwe.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission [item 6]

The Commission began its consideration of the agenda item and approved the provisional agenda for its fifty-ninth session, as contained in document E/CN.6/2014/L.2.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session [item 7]

The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur (Sudan) introduced the draft report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session, as contained in document E/CN.6/2014/L.1.

The Commission adopted the draft report on its fifty-eighth session and entrusted the Rapporteur with its finalization.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Closure of the fifty-eight session

The Chair (Philippines) made concluding remarks and declared closed the fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

1st meeting

The fifty-ninth session was opened by His Excellency Libran Cabactulan (Philippines), Chair of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Commission deferred the election of the Chair, whose nomination would be submitted by the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Commission elected Ms. Pille Kesler (Estonia), as Vice-Chair of its fifty-ninth session, by acclamation.

Monday, 24 March 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7147th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2014/162)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Uruguay to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Sandra Honoré, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President also invited His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Honoré.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Chad, China, the Russian Federation, France, the United Kingdom, Jordan, Lithuania, Argentina, Australia, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Chile and Nigeria, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Luxembourg.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Jamaica, Spain and Guatemala.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the European Union to the United Nations (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its members States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Colombia, Uruguay (speaking on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Guatemala, Peru, the United States and Uruguay), Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Peru and Japan.

Ms. Honoré made further comments.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Signature: Niger (24 March 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Guinea Bissau

His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

Asia-Pacific States:
Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

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   - (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/558/Add.1)
   - (f) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/562/Add.2)

[1]To fill a vacancy of Eastern European and other States.

Security Council

10:00	7148th meeting	Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Final report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (S/2014/192)

15:00	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) (S/2014/199)

United Nations Office in Burundi (BNUB)

Other matters

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

General Committee

There will be an informal meeting of the General Committee, open to all Member States, on Friday, 28 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Security Council

A private meeting of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 10:00, in connection with the wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council during the month of March. Member States wishing to attend this meeting should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of March 2014 (Luxembourg) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work during the month, on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 11:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 — 33rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]

Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37 (A/68/779 and A/68/807)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 11:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/68/697 and A/68/783))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting.

11:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37 (A/68/779 and A/68/807))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37 (A/68/779 and A/68/807); and Capital master plan (A/68/352/Add.2, A/68/352/Add.3 and A/68/797))	

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
Twenty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
	1. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	
	2. Executive meeting	

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Sixteenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Informal meeting

An informal meeting of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on the report of the Secretary-General on measures to further strengthen the United Nations Office for South-South cooperation will be held *today,* 26 March 2014, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The meeting is convened by Mr. Ba Trac Nguyen (Viet Nam), Vice-President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an informal briefing on the preparations of the Secretary-General's report and obtain the views of Member States.

Participation in the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation is open to all Member States of the United Nations.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eighth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today,* 26 March 2014, at 16:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Group of 77 (on Non-Communicable Diseases)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D (CB)

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

13:30 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)

African Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement (on the draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (at the expert level)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond" (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please *click here*.]

Global student videoconference: "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond"

From 9:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Panel discussion on "Global governance for sustainable development in the post-2015 era" (organized by the secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please *click here*; or contact Mr. Namsuk Kim, DESA (e-mail kimnamsuk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4737).]

Informal interactive dialogue on "Overall policy matters pertaining to special political missions" (in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/85) (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), in collaboration with the Bureau of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))

From 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Renato Mariani, DPA (e-mail mariani@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0023).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 27 March 2014

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

10:00 79th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall (NLB)

Prevention of armed conflict: Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution: draft resolution (A/68/L.39) [item 33 (b)]

General Assembly
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For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 27 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The Committee will hold its 34th meeting at 15:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 34th meeting, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Tenth session

The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held from Monday, 31 March, to Friday, 4 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). For more information on the Open Working Group, please *click here*.

The Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group, His Excellency Macharia Kamau (Kenya) and His Excellency Csaba Körösi (Hungary), have circulated in a letter dated 18 March 2014, the focus areas document with interlinkages in the annex. To view the letter, please *click here.* To download the attachments to the letter, please *click here* for the focus areas document and *click here* for the annex.

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Fifth meeting

The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work and the format of the meeting, as well as the information for participants, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 1 to Friday, 4 April 2014. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.11. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.12. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted by *clicking here.*

Disarmament Commission
2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/71 of 9 December 2013, the tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Monday, 7, and Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the resolution, States, and entities that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will consider, inter alia, regional, subregional and global implementation of the Agreement and initial preparatory work for the resumption of the Review Conference.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division *by Friday, 4 April 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

The list of side events, as well as other relevant information on the Informal Consultations, is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs *(click here)*.

Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013, the Preparatory Committee will hold its inter-sessional meeting from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 April 2014, in Conference Room 2 (CB), to discuss the thematic areas of the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

The Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Karen Tan (Singapore), and His Excellency Phillip Taula (New Zealand), have circulated in a letter dated 14 March 2014 to all members of the Preparatory Committee, the zero draft outcome document of the Conference, which will be the basis of discussions at the inter-sessional meeting. Member States are invited to send their written comments to the Secretariat *by Friday, 11 April 2014*, in order for the Secretariat to circulate by Thursday, 17 April 2014, a compilation document reflecting comments and revisions received in advance of the inter-sessional meeting. To view the letter, please *click here*. To download the zero draft outcome document, please *click here*.

The provisional list of participants of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee, held from 24-26 February 2014, is now available on the Conference website by *clicking here*. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)) any changes or corrections to the provisional list *no later than Monday, 31 March 2014*.

Additional information on the Preparatory Committee is available from the Conference website: www.sids2014.org.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

Special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 14 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, and on Tuesday, 15 April, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda".

On Monday, 14 April, in the morning, there will be a Ministerial segment, with Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs and Governors of

Central Banks, on *theme 1* "World economic situation and prospects", to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders. In the afternoon, there will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2:* "Mobilization of financial resources and their effective use for sustainable development" (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3:* "Global partnership for sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda" (from 16:30 to 18:00).

On Tuesday, 15 April, the half-day session in the morning will focus on the way forward, in the form of a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the themes of the meeting, from 10:00 to 13:00.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon, e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso, e-mail alfonso@un.org; room DC2-2162).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and will therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

For more information, please contact Mr. Gregory Dubois (e-mail duboisg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5435); or *click here*.

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the Chamber.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing,* with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least two hours in advance* of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

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The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 126) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Thursday, 10 April 2014, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement (on draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (at the expert level)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at expert level)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond" (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "Victory Over Slavery: Haiti and Beyond" (in cooperation with the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Briefing on "The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[The briefing is open to permanent missions of Small States. For further information, please contact Mr. Anthony Simpson, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail anthony.simpson@mfat.govt.nz, tel. 1 (917) 837-2814).]

Policy forum on "Drug policy and sustainable development: What can we learn from Narco-Deforestation?" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNU Office at the United Nations, New York (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Briefing on "The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects" (in advance of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 31 March 2014) (organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS/OLA))

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 13:30 to 14:30, in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC-2 Building, 4th Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Karen Yoo, DOALOS (e-mail yook@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0287).]

International conference entitled "Taras Shevchenko: Champion of Ukrainian Language, Self-Determination of Peoples, Human Rights and Social Justice" (in commemoration of the International Mother Language Day) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Alex Shapoval, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail shapovalalex85@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Panel discussion on "The right to the truth for memory, identity and justice: The Argentine experience – The grandchildren of Plaza de Mayo" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Rights to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail enaun@mrecic.gov.ar; tel. 1 (212) 688-6300).]

Seminar on "Harnessing innovation: Fostering national innovation for global development" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Monday, 31 March 2014, from 13:15 to 17:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNU Office at the United Nations, New York (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

High-level panel discussion on "Autism: Awareness to action" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Chile, India, Nigeria and Qatar, the Mission of the United States and Autism Speaks)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail aantoun@mofa.gov.qa).]

Panel discussion on "Towards a better understanding of the crime of aggression: The Charter of the United Nations, the treaty law and the formulation of international customary law" (co-organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Open Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Wednesday, 2 April 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Diloro Normatova, UNAOC (e-mail diloron@unops.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1083).]

Briefing on the implementation of the new framework for personnel reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries as approved by General Assembly resolution 67/261 (organized by the Department of Field Support (DFS))

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Judith Balasubramaniam, DFS (e-mail judithb@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4182).]

Seminar on "International treaty law and practice" (with a focus on the Minamata Convention on Mercury) (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB); and

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to

focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014,* to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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Using United Nations Multimedia Resources

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 25 March 2014

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

[archived video]

77th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade [item 120]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 120.

The President made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General and Chef de Cabinet made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau (on behalf of the African States), Tonga (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Bulgaria (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), New Zealand (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and the United States (as host country).

The General Assembly decided to invite Ms. Michaëlle Jean, Special Envoy for Haiti for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project (2014-2015), to make a statement.

Ms. Michaëlle Jean, Special Envoy for Haiti for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project (2014-2015), made a statement.

Her Excellency Ama Tutu Muna, Minister of Arts and Culture of Cameroon, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Haiti, Spain, Japan and Cuba.

The General Assembly thus concluded the commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 120.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

32nd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed terms of reference for the

representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/68/753).

The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/805).

A statement was made by the representative of the Plurinational State Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Adou Mohamed Ali (Djibouti).

Revised estimates: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget fro the biennium 2014-2015 under section 22, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, and section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (A/68/748).

The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/808).

A statement was made by the representative of the Plurinational State Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held, on that day, Tuesday, 25 March, following the adjournment of that formal meeting and would be coordinated by Ms. Aline Mukashyaka (Rwanda).

Corrigendum

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

Corrigendum to the summary of the 8th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (see *Journal* No. 2014/50, p. 20): The third paragraph under "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century' [item 3] – General discussion" *should read* as follows:

> Statements were also made by the observers for the Congo, Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States), the Czech Republic, Mauritania, Albania, Burundi, Rwanda, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Angola, Kenya, Guinea, Tonga, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Bahrain, the Marshall Islands, Austria and Suriname.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Notification under articles 6 and 17: Bahrain (19 March 2014)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Ethiopia (25 March 2014)

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Ethiopia (25 March 2014)

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Sofia, 27 February 2001

Ratification: Slovenia (25 March 2014)

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Cavtat, 4 June 2004

Ratification: Slovenia (25 March 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea Bissau
His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

Asia-Pacific States:
Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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A/68/805	Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 — Proposed terms of reference for the representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*
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A/ES-10/621–S/2014/205	Identical letters dated 20 March 2014 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
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Security Council

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2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7149th meeting of the Security Council.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 7150th meeting of the Security Council.

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General Committee

There will be an informal meeting of the General Committee, open to all Member States, on Friday, 28 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Security Council

A private meeting of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 10:00, in connection with the wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council during the month of March. Member States wishing to attend this meeting should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of March 2014 (Luxembourg) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work during the month, on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 11:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly
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An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Tuesday, 1 April 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 March 2014, was sent to all Permanent Representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
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Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 10:20	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/68/697 and A/68/783))	
10:20 to 11:40	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37 (A/68/779 and A/68/807))	
11:40 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/68/753 and A/68/805))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015:	
	Capital master plan (A/68/352/Add.2, A/68/352/Add.3 and A/68/797); and	
	Revised estimates: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (A/68/748 and A/68/808))	

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
Twenty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)
2. Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission
Seventy-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)

Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2 (CB)

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Sixteenth session

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Thursday, 27 March 2014

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)

Non-Aligned Movement (on the draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (at the expert level)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor)

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Thursday, 27 March 2014

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Victory over slavery: Haiti and beyond" (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "Victory over slavery: Haiti and beyond" (in cooperation with the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI)

From 11:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 2 (CB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Briefing on "The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[The briefing is open to permanent missions of Small States. For further information, please contact Mr. Anthony Simpson, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail anthony.simpson@mfat.govt.nz, tel. 1 (917) 837-2814).]

Policy forum on "Drug policy and sustainable development: What can we learn from narco-deforestation?" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNU Office at the United Nations, New York (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Briefing on "The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects" (in advance of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 31 March 2014) (organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS/OLA))

From 13:30 to 14:30, in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC-2 Building, 4th Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Karen Yoo, DOALOS (e-mail yook@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0287).]

International conference entitled "Taras Shevchenko: Champion of Ukrainian Language, Self-Determination of Peoples, Human Rights and Social Justice" (in commemoration of the International Mother Language Day) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Alex Shapoval, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail shapovalalex85@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 27 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

09:30 Press conference entitled "The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and Rwanda, 20 years later" [*Speakers:* Mr. Bongani Majola, Assistant Secretary-General and Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR); and Dr. Ousman Njikam, Legal Officer in the Immediate Office of the Registrar]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 34th meeting on Friday, 28 March 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Tenth session

The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held from Monday, 31 March, to Friday, 4 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). For more information on the Open Working Group, please *click here*.

The Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group, His Excellency Macharia Kamau (Kenya) and His Excellency Csaba Körösi (Hungary), have circulated in a letter dated 18 March 2014, the focus areas document with interlinkages in the annex. To view the letter, please *click here*. To download the attachments to the letter, please *click here* for the focus areas document and *click here* for the annex.

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Fifth meeting

The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work and the format of the meeting, as well as the information for participants, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 1 to Friday, 4 April 2014. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.11. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.12. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Disarmament Commission
2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible,* the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/71 of 9 December 2013, the tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Monday, 7, and Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the resolution, States, and entities that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will consider, inter alia, regional, subregional and global implementation of the Agreement and initial preparatory work for the resumption of the Review Conference.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division *by Friday, 4 April 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

The list of side events, as well as other relevant information on the Informal Consultations, is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs *(click here).*

Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013, the Preparatory Committee will hold its inter-sessional meeting from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 April 2014, in Conference Room 2 (CB), to discuss the thematic areas of the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

The Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Karen Tan (Singapore), and His Excellency Phillip Taula (New Zealand), have circulated in a letter dated 14 March 2014 to all members of the Preparatory Committee, the zero draft outcome document of the Conference, which will be the basis of discussions at the inter-sessional meeting. Member States are invited to send their written comments to the Secretariat *by Friday, 11 April 2014*, in order for the Secretariat to circulate by Thursday, 17 April 2014, a compilation document reflecting comments and revisions received in advance of the inter-sessional meeting. To view the letter, please *click here.* To download the zero draft outcome document, please *click here.*

The provisional list of participants of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee, held from 24 to 26 February 2014, is now available on the Conference website by *clicking here*. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)) any changes or corrections to the provisional list *no later than Monday, 31 March 2014*.

Additional information on the Preparatory Committee is available from the Conference website: www.sids2014.org.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia,* urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

Special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 14 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, and on Tuesday, 15 April, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda".

On Monday, 14 April, in the morning, there will be a Ministerial segment, with Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs and Governors of

Central Banks, on *theme 1* "World economic situation and prospects", to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders. In the afternoon, there will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2:* "Mobilization of financial resources and their effective use for sustainable development" (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3:* "Global partnership for sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda" (from 16:30 to 18:00).

On Tuesday, 15 April, the half-day session in the morning will focus on the way forward, in the form of a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the themes of the meeting, from 10:00 to 13:00.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon, e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso, e-mail alfonso@un.org; room DC2-2162).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and will therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

For more information, please contact Mr. Gregory Dubois (e-mail duboisg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5435); or *click here*.

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the Chamber.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing,* with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least two hours in advance* of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 126) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Thursday, 10 April 2014, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at expert level)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Non-Aligned Movement (on the draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (at the expert level)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "The right to the truth for memory, identity and justice: The Argentine experience – The grandchildren of Plaza de Mayo" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Rights to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

Friday, 28 March 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail enaun@mrecic.gov.ar; tel. 1 (212) 688-6300).]

Seminar on "Harnessing innovation: Fostering national innovation for global development" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Monday, 31 March 2014, from 13:15 to 17:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNU Office at the United Nations, New York (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

High-level panel discussion on "Autism: Awareness to action" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Chile, India, Nigeria and Qatar, the Mission of the United States and Autism Speaks)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail aantoun@mofa.gov.qa).]

Launch of the Sustainable Public Procurement Programme (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as secretariat of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP))

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please *click here;* or contact Mr. Jim Sniffen, UNEP New York Office (e-mail sniffenj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8094).]

Panel discussion on "Towards a better understanding of the crime of aggression: The Charter of the United Nations, the treaty law and the formulation of international customary law" (co-organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Open Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Wednesday, 2 April 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Diloro Normatova, UNAOC (e-mail diloron@unops.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1083).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action **(4 April) (A/RES/60/97)**

Panel discussions on:

"Colombia: Keeping up the Momentum"

Thursday, 3 April 2014, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lee Woodyear, United Nations Mine Action Service (email woodyear@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0200).]

"Empowering Women in Mine Action"

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron Buckley, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail buckleya@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4632).]

Presentation on "Afghanistan – 2023 Mine Free"

Thursday, 3 April 2014, from 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lee Woodyear, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail woodyear@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0200).]

Briefing on the implementation of the new framework for personnel reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries as approved by General Assembly resolution 67/261 (organized by the Department of Field Support (DFS))

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Judith Balasubramaniam, DFS (e-mail judithb@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4182).]

Seminar on "International treaty law and practice" (with a focus on the Minamata Convention on Mercury) (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB); and

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014,* to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7148th meeting *The situation in Sierra Leone*

Final report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (S/2014/192)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Sierra Leone to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Jens Anders Toyberg-Frandzen, Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Guillermo Rishchynski, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Canada, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Jens Anders Toyberg-Frandzen and His Excellency Guillermo Rishchynski.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Jordan, Australia, the United States, China, Nigeria, Chile, France, Argentina, Chad, Rwanda, the Republic of Korea, Lithuania, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Luxembourg.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Samura M.W. Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2014/6).

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

[archived video]

78th plenary meeting

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/68/729 and A/68/722): Joint debate [items 30 and 112]

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia (former Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), Brazil (Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), Tunisia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the United States, the Netherlands, the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, Montenegro and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), India, Nigeria, Italy, Sweden, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Malaysia, Japan, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, China, Indonesia, Portugal, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and Australia.

79th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/68/716/Add.6) [item 138]

The General Assembly took note that the Marshall Islands and Papua New Guinea had made the payments necessary to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/68/716/Add.6).

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/68/729 and A/68/722): Joint debate [items 30 and 112]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 30 and 112.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg, Egypt, Canada, Switzerland and Norway.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 30 and 112.

Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/68/778) [item 115 (f)]

The General Assembly decided to proceed to the election on the basis of dispensing with the secret ballot.

The General Assembly declared Poland elected as a member of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a term of office beginning on the first day of the forty-seventh session of the Commission in July 2014 and expiring on the last day prior to the beginning of the forty-ninth session of the Commission in 2016 (decision 68/417).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 115.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [item 7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-items (b) and (f) of agenda item 116.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 116]

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/558/Add.1)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 116.

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/68/558/Add.1), appointed Mr. Edward Faris (United States of America) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 26 March 2014 and ending on 31 December 2015, and Mr. Shigeki Sumi (Japan) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 1 April 2014 and ending on 31 December 2015 (decision 68/408 B).

(f) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/562/Add.2)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 116.

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/68/562/Add.2), appointed Ms. Patricia Arriagada (Chile) as a member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a term of office beginning on 26 March 2014 and ending on 31 December 2016 (decision 68/412 B).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-items (b) and (f) of agenda item 116.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

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33rd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37 entitled: "Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system" (A/68/779).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/807).

Statements were made by the representatives of Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Singapore (on behalf of the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Montenegro and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Switzerland (also on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand (CANZ Group), Liechtenstein, Mexico, Norway and Turkey), Costa Rica (also on behalf of Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru and Uruguay) and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Wednesday, 26 March, after the adjournment of that formal meeting and would be coordinated by Mr. Jedidiah Reuben Adogla (Ghana).

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea Bissau
His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

Asia-Pacific States:
Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

Security Council

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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